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## **MAYOR ANNOUNCES DEPARTURE OF DEPUTY MAYOR KELLEMS**

**Washington, DC** – Margret Nedelkoff Kellems, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, is departing city service after nearly four years to join a national investment firm. Kellems, who oversaw homeland security, police, fire, emergency medical services, corrections, emergency management, and the medical examiner, joined the Williams administration September 11, 2000. During her tenure, the District developed the first accredited local emergency management program in the nation; secured more than \$200 million in federal funds for homeland security equipment, technology, and training; shut down the Lorton penitentiary system; increased funding to hire the authorized 3,800 police and an additional 120 firefighters; and implemented a state-of-the-art 911 system.

"Margret has made enormous and lasting contributions to the quality of life and security of this city," Mayor Williams said. "What she has done to improve homeland security and public safety will continue to benefit the District of Columbia and the National Capital Region for years to come."

"It has been my privilege to serve the residents of this city and Mayor Williams as he has led the resurgence of Washington, DC with exceptional dedication, compassion and skill," Kellems said. "Every day in this job has been demanding, but even more rewarding. Now, I look forward to a new challenge in the private sector." Kellems starts in June at Friedman, Billings, Ramsey as Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer for Investment Banking.

An interim Deputy Mayor will be named to fill the position until a permanent replacement is appointed. For more information, please call 202-671-0733, or visit our website at [www.bioterrorism.dc.gov](http://www.bioterrorism.dc.gov).

### **Editor's Note - Categories of Health Alert messages**

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